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CONFEDERATION GENERALE DES TRAVAILLEURS

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1. THE CENTRE NATIONAL DE LA RECHERCHE SCIENTIFIQUE (CNRS) WHICH ENCOMPASSES ALL GOF FINANCED RESEARCH HAS BEEN THE TARGET OF COMMUNIST PENETRATION OVER MANY YEARS. THE INSTRUMENT USED FOR THIS PURPOSE HAS BEEN THE COMMUNIST-LED UNION OF CGT (CONFEDERATION GENERALE DU TRAVAIL) AND NOT "DES TRAVAILLEURS" AS REFERRED TO IN APPA PART 1, EXHIBIT 1. TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR ACCOUNTS FOR THIS SINCE THERE IS ONLY ONE CGT WHOSE CORRECT TITLE IS AS ABOVE.

2. THE CGT SUCCEEDED IN BECOMING THE MAJORITY UNION IN CNRS, ESPECIALLY SINCE 1968 WHEN THE MAY-JUNE EVENTS OF THAT YEAR REINFORCED AN ALREADY EXISTING LEFT-WING TREND IN SCIENTIFIC AND INTELLECTUAL CIRCLES. OTHER UNIONS, ESPECIALLY CFDT AND FORCE OUVRIERE, ARE ALSO REPRESENTED IN CNRS AND PROVIDE AN ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR RESISTANCE TO THE CGT BY THOSE WHO ARE OPPOSED TO COMMUNIST IDEOLOGY.

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3. LIKE IN EVERY OTHER INSTITUTION OR BUSINESS IN FRANCE, ONLY A SMALL MINORITY OF THE "WORKFORCE" IN CNRS IS ORGANIZED. THE FACT REMAINS, HOWEVER, THAT WHILE IN THE PERIOD 1962-1968 CGT WAS JUST ONE OF SEVERAL UNIONS ACTIVE IN CNRS, SINCE THEN ITS INFLUENCE INCREASED CONSIDERABLY, BUT SO DID THE RESENTMENT OF THE SILENT MAJORITY WHICH IS DISTURBED

BY CGT'S EFFORTS TO PLACE ITS MOST TRUSTED MILITANTS
IN KEY CNRS POSITIONS.
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